

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORDER NO. 1903

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served October 17, 1978

Application of EDWARDS TRUCKING )  
COMPANY, INC., for a Certificate ) Case No. AP-78-39  
for Charter Operations Pursuant )  
to Contract with the United States )  
Government )

On September 25, 1978, Edwards Trucking Company, Inc. (Edwards), filed the above-captioned application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to transport passengers, together with mail, express, and baggage in the same vehicle with passengers, as follows:

Between points within the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit District, pursuant to contract or contracts with various agencies and departments of the United States Government.

Edwards holds Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 40 issued by this Commission which authorizes charter operations pursuant to three specified contracts, two of which are with U. S. government agencies: (A) United States Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and (B) United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission <sup>\*</sup>.

Concerning the application, Edwards' counsel indicates, "... Edwards has had serious difficulties from time to time in obtaining specific authority from the Commission for specific contracts due to the relative[ly] short period of time between bidding and commencement of service. Therefore, it is the opinion of our client that a blanket authority is required to enable them to competitively bid and participate in the charter operations of the various Government agencies."

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<sup>\*</sup>/ Edwards contract with NRC has expired, Edwards is no longer providing the service, and the Commission has initiated an investigation, MP-78-9, to determine whether this portion of Edwards' Certificate No. 40 should be revoked.

Edwards has submitted an equipment list of 15 vehicles, six of which seat 7 passengers each, one seats 8, six seat 15, one seats 19, and one seats 23. Applicant has not provided a tariff for the proposed service, presumably because it intends to enter into competitive bidding for each such contract it might secure.

Without here commenting on the appropriateness of the selections, Edwards has nominated the following as being potentially affected by this application: Beltway Limousine Service, Inc.; Executive Limousine Service, Inc.; and Central Delivery Service of Washington, Inc. These, along with all carriers holding charter authority from this Commission shall be notified of this application by service of this order.

In accordance with the requirements of the Compact, Title II, Article XII, §4(b) and (c), this matter shall be scheduled for public hearing. Applicant shall be assessed an amount preliminarily estimated to cover the cost of the proceeding and required to submit a projected operating statement.

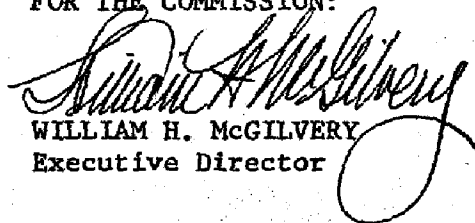
THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That the above-entitled matter is hereby scheduled for public hearing to commence at 9:30 a.m., Thursday, November 16, 1978, in the Hearing Room of the Commission, Room 314, 1625 I Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20006.
2. That applicant publish once in a newspaper of general circulation in the Metropolitan District notice of this application and hearing, in the form prescribed by the staff of the Commission, no later than Monday, October 30, 1978.
3. That applicant post in each of its vehicles, continuously through the date of public hearing, notice of this application and hearing, in the form prescribed by the staff of the Commission, no later than Monday, October 30, 1978.
4. That applicant produce at the public hearing affidavits of posting and publication.
5. That any person desiring to protest shall file a protest in accordance with Commission Rule 14, or any person desiring to be heard in this matter shall so notify the Commission, in writing, no later than Monday, November 6, 1978, and shall mail a copy of such protest or notification to counsel for applicant, Donald L. Noble, Esquire, 9401 Indian Head Highway, Oxon Hill, Maryland 20022.

6. That applicant is hereby assessed \$350 pursuant to Title II, Article XII, §19 of the Compact, and directed to deliver said amount to the office of the Commission, Suite 316, 1625 I Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20006, no later than 12 noon, Thursday, November 9, 1978.

7. That applicant file with the Commission six copies of a projected annual revenue and revenue deduction statement for the proposed service no later than 12 noon, Thursday, November 9, 1978, and produce the original at the public hearing.

FOR THE COMMISSION:

  
WILLIAM H. MCGILVERY  
Executive Director

